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### **FALL FARMER'S MARKET TO BE HOSTED BY USDA'S FARM SERVICE AGENCY**

KANSAS CITY, MO. October 23, 1997 - USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Keith Kelly today extended an invitation to Kansas City residents to attend the third and final Farmer's Market at the USDA's Kansas City Complex, Monday, October 27, 1997 at 9001 State Line Road in the covered parking area from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"We're excited about once again offering local producers of fresh fruits, vegetables, honey, and other produce, the opportunity to partner with public employees, and private citizens to help end hunger by promoting public awareness" said Kelly. "Through joint projects such as local farmer's markets, USDA hopes to give a voice and a helping hand to community anti-hunger efforts by promoting the recovery and distribution of excess food to those in need."

The first two USDA Farmer's Markets and food drives resulted in over 8,000 pounds of non-perishable food items being donated to local food banks by FSA employees, and over 900 pounds of perishable produce recovered from vendors and customers at the last market. Networks of volunteers and potential field gleaning opportunities were identified through publicity surrounding the Farmers Market. FSA has also received expressions of interest from employees of other Federal Agencies to join in the Fight to Feed the Hungry.

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